

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application, and for the indication of allowable subject matter. By virtue of the foregoing amendments, independent claim 23 has been amended, and the title has also been amended.

Specification:

As requested by the Examiner, a new title is submitted.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 23-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. With regard to claim 23, the Examiner alleges that there is no basis in the claim for the reference to generating duplicate copies. Accordingly, claim 23 has been amended to indicate that the printing device prints the image data as the duplicate copies. In addition, the phrase "on at least one of the both devices" has been clarified. Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments to claim 23, Applicants submit that the present application should now be in condition for allowance.

To further define the protection to which applicants are entitled, new claims 30 and 31 are submitted. The new claims are allowable at least for the reasons that the independent claims from which they depend are allowed.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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